

Local Excitement Dies Down; All Quiet On Waterfront

OFFICIALS REFUSE TO TALK ABOUT CONDITION OF S. S. O. J. D. AHLERS

It was learned this afternoon from a reliable source that a wireless received last night from Hilo by a government official says the German refugee merchant steamer O. J. D. Ahlers at Hilo had been crippled in the same manner that the eight vessels in port here were put out of commission.

The Ahlers' boilers were burned out by lighting fires in the furnaces after the water had been drawn from the boiler tubes. Her engines were ruined, too, the vessel's machinery having been found by federal officials in Hilo to be in the same condition as that of the merchantmen tied up in Honolulu harbor.

Hilo Receives Little News
Hilo passengers arriving on the Mauna Kea today learned the first news of Sunday's exciting events after they walked ashore here. They said no wireless messages about the burning of the Geier and the destruction wrought upon the boilers and engines of the German freighters here had been received in Hilo down to the time the Mauna Kea left there at 10 o'clock Monday morning. It is evident that the dispatches sent from here had not passed censorship.

Capt. Freeman said that the company of United States regulars which left here on the Mauna Kea Saturday afternoon went on one of their regular outings to the Kilauea military training camp.

"Twelve men from the company left

the camp at the Volcano and came back to Hilo, where they boarded the O. J. D. Ahlers at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon," said Capt. Freeman. "The others stayed at the Volcano and are up there today, so far as I know."

Paper Is Uninformed
The Hawaii Herald of Monday, arriving on the Mauna Kea this morning, has the following to say about the Ahlers:

"From the moment that diplomatic relations with Germany were severed by the United States and an order issued from Washington to place all interned or refugee ships in American ports under patrol, the question of the O. J. D. Ahlers, in Hilo harbor, has been the subject of considerable local discussion and comment. Many and various were the rumors current; the fact that a little smoke was issuing from her smokestack the other day was sufficient to let loose a sheet of the most improbable guesses, and the fact that J. R. Pierce and O. V. Stutzler arrived here yesterday as deputy United States marshals, sent from Honolulu on 20 minutes' notice, added fuel to the fire.

"The facts are, however, that in accordance with the orders issued from the mainland the steamer has been put under patrol and Capt. McNab and 12 men of the 25th Infantry are now on board the vessel. The captain and his squad are part of the company which arrived yesterday to spend a vacation at the military camp at Kilauea."

GERMAN SAILORS WILL BE HEARD

That the hearings of the German officers and sailors from the refugee German merchant vessels in port to decide whether they shall be deported because of their acts in wantonly destroying the boilers and engines of their vessels last week would probably begin some time this afternoon was intimated at noon today by officials of the U. S. immigration station, where the men are in detention.

At noon today a census taken of the men detained at the station showed the total to be 93. This is eight more than the number on hand yesterday. The increase is said by the immigration authorities to be due to a number of men from the interned merchant collier, Locksun, who were brought to the station Monday.

This morning Richard L. Halsey, inspector in charge; Harry B. Brown, his deputy, and other officials, interviewed the men to obtain the facts of their nationality, occupation, time in the United States and other details, so the special immigration board of inquiry can have this information to work on following the deportation hearings.

Officers of the vessels who have wives and children residing in Honolulu were allowed to see them at the station this morning. Other German friends of the men called and paid them short visits.

Shortly before noon a number of sailors from the Pommer were allowed to be released from the station so they could go to the Pommer under military guard and get their blankets and various belongings. An armed soldier marched behind the seamen.

A military guard of U. S. army regulars is also on watch around the immigration station to see that none of the men in detention escape. The guard is on watch night and day.

Separate quarters at the station have been provided for both officers and sailors and they are being treated with the same care and courtesy extended immigrants arriving here from foreign ports.

"STATICS" CAUSE OF PART OF DELAY UPON INCOMING PRESS NEWS

"Statics" in the atmosphere which yesterday hindered wireless service to some extent was also the cause of an unintentional injustice done one of the naval censors here, Chief Boat Swain William A. Macdonald, in a notation which preceded one of the wireless dispatches published yesterday afternoon by the Star-Bulletin.

The notation referred to said, "The following news reached Honolulu shortly after 11 this morning and was released by the censor at 1:30." It might thus appear that the message was held up unduly long.

The Star-Bulletin was informed by the wireless company just after 11 that the press messages were coming. After this, it appears, the condition of "statics" in the air interfered with the transmission of messages so that it was an hour later, before the incoming press messages were completed and submitted to the censor. As soon as he was able to go over the messages, he informs the Star-Bulletin, he released them.

CORONER'S JURY DOES NOT FIX BLAME FOR THE DEATH OF CHINESE SCHMIDT HIT

At an inquest held this morning no blame was fixed for the death of Wong Fat, who died at the Queen's hospital Sunday night, from injuries received when he was run over by L. L. Schmidt, who struck the Chinese when he was backing his car to park it at the curb. Schmidt is out on \$1000 bonds and will be arraigned in police court, probably tomorrow, for manslaughter.

BILL TO TAKE WIRELESS LOOKS DEAD TO BALCH

That there is little likelihood of the passage of the bill which proposes the taking over of wireless telegraph companies in the islands is the word that was cabled to the Mutual Telephone Company today by J. A. Balch, treasurer of the company.

Balch hurried to Washington on receipt of definite advices of the exact terms of the proposed bill to protest for the company after protests had been sent from here. He appeared before the committee, advices said, and today was received advices of his opinion as to the prospects of the bill.

INSPECTORS SEND IN THEIR REPORT

A separate report is being prepared this afternoon by the local U. S. inspectors of hulls and boilers, Joseph J. Meaney and Thomas J. Heeney, on the condition of the ruined boilers and engines of the merchant steamers in port here, as found by them on inspection last Sunday. It was learned this afternoon.

The report is in addition to that which has been furnished Acting Collector of the Port Raymer Sharp by the inspectors. The report being concluded this afternoon will go direct to the Washington, D. C., headquarters of the United States steamboat inspection service. It will probably go to Washington in tomorrow's mail to the mainland.

"Any news concerning the reports on the German refugee vessels in the territory will have to come through the office of the collector of customs," said Inspector Thomas J. Heeney this afternoon. "The collector is supreme in jurisdiction over this port now and all our findings will have to be given out through him. We cannot discuss the matter at all."

MANY PLAN TO ENJOY BIG LUAU

Those who are planning to attend the real old-fashioned luau to be given at the Colonial hotel grounds Saturday, February 10, are warned to get their tickets before Thursday or on that day, that accommodations may be reserved for all. The luau will be from 1 to 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

There will be ample room for 250, it is thought, but from the inquiries that have been made about the affair and the large number of tickets which have already been sold, the management expects all seats will be sold early.

Everything for the luau (Hawaiian feast) will be absolutely Hawaiian, prepared by islanders trained in their own peculiar culinary skill. Those who wish to see some of the preparations may do so.

The method of roasting the pig in the ground is one of the most interesting.

Real hula dancing of a typical nature will follow the feasting and the Hawaiian band will play several selections of characteristic native songs and dances.

Tickets are on sale at the Hawaii Promotion Committee rooms and at the Territorial Messenger Service offices.

RANDOLPH HITCHCOCK IS DEAD AT CAMBRIDGE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Feb. 6.—Randolph Hitchcock, one of the leading athletes of Harvard, died last evening after an illness of three months. He is a son of Rex Hitchcock, is one of the three Hitchcock brothers who have made a record for Hawaii in athletics. Randolph Hitchcock was a former member of the Punahou track team and was a popular student. Last year he played in a number of games with Harvard against the leading football teams of the East.

Miss Hitchcock, his aunt, left Honolulu a few weeks ago for Cambridge to nurse the sick youth. His father was unable to leave his ranch on Mokai.

M'VEIGH AND PORTER RETURN FROM VOLCANO

J. D. McVeigh, superintendent of the Kalaupapa Settlement, and Kirk B. Porter, secretary of the territorial board of health, returned this morning from a visit to the Volcano, which both declare to be a wonderful sight. This was McVeigh's first visit there, although he has lived in the islands for 34 years.

Neither of the men had heard of any damage aboard the German refugee steamer O. J. D. Ahlers by members of the crew and the story of Honolulu's exciting Sunday on the waterfront was news which they received after they had come ashore.

Routine business, including the reading of accident reports and the approval of monthly bills, filled the regular session of the public utilities commission this afternoon.

SAYS IF U. S. STOPS FOOD SUPPLIES TO ENGLAND, GERMAN POLICY WINS

"There is some difference between the United States and Japan in interpreting 'international relationship,'" says Secretary Imai of the Japanese consulate-general of this city. He was transferred from the Washington embassy recently.

"In Japan when the diplomatic relationship is severed with another country that means war, but in the United States it is a little different. The extinction of diplomatic relationship is not a declaration of war at all. According to the cables to the local press, the German ambassador in Washington was given his passports to leave the country as diplomatic relations had ceased, but he may stay in Washington just the same, as it is not so dangerous. It is up to him whether to go back to his country or stay where he is now.

"Expulsion is only punishment for Germany by the United States at present. The U. S. may stop the exportation of cotton, a most important material and depended upon for German manufacture of dynamite for the present war. But the fundamental principle of the German notes to the neutral countries as well as the United States was to prevent all food supplies reaching England. If Germany can stop this country from shipping

all food supplies to England, the German policy toward this country is accomplished and in fact this country is beaten diplomatically by that German policy.

"There will be three reasons for the United States not to declare war on Germany. First, there is no preparation for this country to enter into the present European war, as she has had no intention of involving herself since the beginning of the war. Second, the people of the United States all realize that war is tragic and pitiful and a disadvantage from knowledge of the present war. Third, the United States fully recognizes that the nature of the German note is due only to blockading the English coast to cut off the food supply from this country as well as other countries and for no other reasons.

"I do not think that the United States will continue furnishing food supplies to England by sending her merchant steamers with the protection of her warships. If this country ceases the transportation of food supplies, so far the German policy is a success. I also do not think that the United States and Germany will ever appeal to arms, but will remain with international relationships ceased."

ONLY WAR OPEN TO U. S., BELIEF OF NIPPU JIJI

Under the title of "An American German War," the Nippu Jiji has the following to say editorially: "Since the beginning of the European war the German attitude toward the United States has been rather careless. To the German eye there is no great republic of the world. That nation has shown little or no respect for the notes of President Wilson from the one on the famous Lusitania affair to date.

"The president of the United States, as peace maker of the world, did the best that lay in his power to avoid the event of this country entering the war and has kept strict neutrality as long as it could be kept. During that time he has at times been regarded with disapprobation by many of his own people for his pursuance of such policy. But the United States is not a country for 'peace at any cost.' It will not stand any longer for disregard of its national rights and honor, the attitude that Germany has so often assumed.

"The notes which Germany forwarded to all the neutral nations recently were of a most violent and demonstrative order, and ignored treaty rights as well as human rights. If the United States permits such ruthless notes it will be compelled to abandon all of its nautical rights on the Atlantic ocean and that is too disgraceful to national honor for a great country like the United States of America to consider.

"There may be only two courses open for the United States to pursue on this occasion. It may remain silent with diplomatic relations with Germany severed or it may fight for the country's rights and honor. If it shall continue as it has been and take no steps against the German empire even in these critical circumstances and merely for the sake of maintaining peace, it cannot continue to stand as a first class nation among the nations of the world as it does today. It must come down to the rank of a second or third-class power among the nations. The downfall of national honor will not leave the country high as it is today, high and clear as the sun in the sky. The United States and Germany must take up arms for national honor and rights."

VITAL STATISTICS

BORN.
BUSHNELL—In Honolulu, February 6, 1917, to Mr. and Mrs. George Bushnell of 1703 Luso street, a daughter.

MORRISON—At the department hospital, Fort Shafter, February 2, 1917, to Sgt. and Mrs. Alexander Morrison of Schofield Barracks, a daughter—Aleen.

KALUHIKALANI—In Honolulu, January 23, 1917, to Mr. and Mrs. Nawai Kaluhiikalani of Kahanu street, a son—Clarence Kealohilani.

DIED.
KAAWA—At 1265 C. Pau lane, Emily, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Kaawa, Jr., aged seven months and 26 days.

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Lieut.-Cmdr. Thomas C. Hart, U. S. N., commanding the third submarine division, had a busy day Sunday taking charge for the United States navy of the interned German gunboat Geier after the vessel's officers came near burning up the boat when it caught fire from the superheated boilers which were being ruined by burning-out.

The commander was busy most of last night and at 5 o'clock yesterday morning he was informed that his wife had just presented him with a

seven and a half pound boy. This news, coming at the close of almost 24 hours of continuous activity, made the navy man's face assume 'the smile that won't come off.'

Hart was the happiest navy man in Honolulu when he told a Star-Bulletin reporter the news yesterday morning while making ready to have the German naval collier Locksun moved to Pearl Harbor, where the Geier was taken.

Mrs. Hart is doing finely and the boy too. Whether his middle name will be "Geier" in token of Sunday's momentous events was not intimated by the commander.

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